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LOK SABHA

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MEDICAL COLLEGES UNDER ESIC
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees State Insurance Corporation(ESIC) has decided to start Medical Colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether request has been received from Kerala for sanctioning a Medical College under ESI at Paripally in Kollam District; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The ESI Corporation is exploring the feasibility of starting Post Graduation in Medicine Medical Colleges, Nursing Colleges and Para-Medical Training Schools under ESI Medical Scheme. A consultant has been appointed on 29.02.2008 for submitting the feasibility report on the proposal.

(c): A letter has also been received from Government of Kerala requesting for taking necessary steps for starting a medical college at ESI Hospital, Paripally in Kollam District.

(d): A Sub-Committee constituted by the ESIC had recommended amending the ESI Act, 1948 for facilitating imparting of medical and para-medical education with a view to improving quality of services provided under the ESI Scheme. The ESIC has approved the recommendation in its meeting held on 22.02.2008. Further action can be taken only after the proposed amendment to the ESI Act is carried out and on the basis of feasibility report.